A LETTER from *John Angelo Belloni*, to the Gentlemen of the Committee of the Parliament of *England*, appointed to inſpect the Affairs of the CHARITABLE CORPORATION.

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Rome, May 4. 1732.

GENTLEMEN,

'TIS with great Pleaſure that I embrace this Opportunity, which now offers, of ſhewing my Eſteem and Affection for the *Engliſh* Nation, in contributing to the Welfare and Advantage of many particular Perſons in that Kingdom, and, conſequently, to the Satisfaction of the Parliament, and of the whole Nation in general.

As the Frauds which have been committed in the Management of the Affairs of the *Charitable Corporation* have made a great Noiſe in the World, People, in theſe Parts, have been ſenſibly touched with the Misfortunes which they have produced, and are fully convinc'd, how much it concerned the whole Nation to find a Redreſs; and that this could not be effectually done unleſs (what the Parliament have not yet been able to procure) the Perſon, Papers, Books, and Effects of Mr. *Thomſon* ſhould be ſecured.

Having receiv'd Advice therefore, that the ſaid Mr. *Thomſon* intended to come to *Rome*, under a fictitious Name, the neceſſary Means were taken to ſeize him upon his Arrival, which was accordingly executed. At the ſame time were ſeiz'd alſo his Papers, the Letters which he had receiv'd ſince he left *England*, Copies of the Letters which he had wrote to his moſt intimate Friends, and Minutes of his moſt ſecret Affairs. He is now a Priſoner in the Caſtle of St. *Angelo*, whereby he has been in a manner forc'd into a Confeſſion and Diſcovery of the whole Miſtery of that Affair; and which he has done in ſo ample a manner, as to give an Account, not only of the Books and Effects of the Company, but alſo of his own.

This being done, I was order'd to communicate this important Diſcovery, in the moſt proper manner, for the Good and Advantage of the *Engliſh* Nation; for which Purpoſe I immediately diſpatch'd an Expreſs to one of my Correſpondents at *Paris*, with all the Papers relating to that Affair, to the end they might be put into your Hands. But as it ſeems juſt, that the Proprietors of the *Charitable Corporation*, who are going to reap ſo great a Benefit from this

A Rome, May 4. 1732.

MESSIEURS,

C'EST avec beaucoup de plaiſir que je profite d'une occaſion que s'eſt preſentée pour montrer mon Eſtime & mon Affection pour la Nation Angloiſe, *en contribuant à l'avantage de pluſieurs particuliers de ce Royaume, & per conſequent, á la Satisfaction du Parlement, & de la Nation même.*

Comme les fraudes qui ont eté commiſes dans l'adminiſtration de la Compagnie Charitable *ont fait beaucoup de bruit par tout, on a eté ici vivement touché des maux dont elles ont eté la cauſe, & on a ſenti l'interêt que la Nation avoit d'y remedier, ce que ne pouvoit être effectué, qu'en ſe ſaiſſant de la perſonne, des papiers, des livres, & des effêts du Sieur* Thomſon, *á quoy le Parlement n'avoit pas encore pû parvenir.*

A cette effêt, comme on avoit eu avis, que le dit Thomſon *pourroit venir à* Rome *ſous un nom emprunté, on a pris les meſures neceſſaires pour l' arreter, quand il y ſeroit arrivé, ce que a eté executé. On s'eſt ſaiſi en meme temps de ſes papiers, des lettres qu'il a receu d'* Angleterre *depuis qu'il en etoit parti, des copies de lettres qu'il a ecrit à ces confidens, & des notes de ſes affaires les plus ſecrettes. Il eſt a preſent lui meme dans le Chatteau de St.* Ange, *& a eté miſe en cette façon dans une eſpece de neceſſité de decouvrir toute la miſtere de cette affaire, ce qu'il a fait amplement en decouvrant non ſeulement les livres & les effêts de la Compagnie, mais auſſi les ſiens propres.*

Cela etant fait, on m'a chargé de communiquer cette importante decouverte à qui & ou il conviendroit, pour le bien & l' avantage de la Nation, c'eſt pourquoi j'ai depeché ſans delai un Courier à un des mes Correſpondens à Paris, *avec tous les papiers qui ont rapport à cette affaire, à fin qu'il trouve les moyens de vous les faire remettre. Mais comme l' equité exige, que les proprietaires de la* Compagnie Charitable *qui tireront un ſi grand avantage de*

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this Diſcovery, ſhould agree and conſent to certain Articles, before the Delivery of theſe Papers and Writings into your Hands; I have order'd my Correſpondent to inſiſt upon ſuch previous Agreement and Conſent, and to keep thoſe Writings in his own Cuſtody, meerly as a Pledge, till things ſhould be agreed upon; and I make no doubt, but that this Precaution, as well as the Articles themſelves, will appear juſt and reaſonable to every Perſon concerned.

Having thus executed what I had in Truſt, I have nothing to add, but my ſincere Wiſh, that you may be aſſured of the Regard I have for the *Engliſh* Nation, and of the ardent Deſire I ſhall ever retain to promote their Welfare.

I am, &c.

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point que cette precaution auſſi bien que le
conditions ne paroiſſent juſtes & raiſonable
à tous ceux qui ſont intereſſés dans cett
affaire.

M'etant ainſi acquitte de ma commiſſion
il ne reſte que de vous prier d' être perſuad
de mon reſpect pour la Nation, & de l'envie
que j'aurai toujours de contribuer a ſon
avantage.

J'ai l'honneur d' être, &c.

John Angelo Belloni.

Jean Angelo Belloni.

NB This Letter, by order of Parliament was burnt by the Hangman

MVSEVM BRITAN NICVM